

DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] who has been selected out, was in to request that the Agency expedite his retirement refund when he is separated. I told him that we would certainly expedite processing it within the Agency and that we would help in any way that we could with the Civil Service Commission but that there were limitations as to what we could do. (I telephoned Gordon Stewart and asked him to expedite this as much as possible.) Fred also wanted to review with me the circumstances which had led to his being selected out. I told him that I did not wish to rehear the case but would review with him the actions that I thought he had taken in which he showed poor judgment bordering on insubordination, etc. I also stated that he could feel free to use my name as a reference in looking for another job if he cared to do so and that I would respond by saying in substance that I thought he had a great deal of technical ability and skill.

2. I talked to Ed Saunders about the DD/P Budget problem. He would like to have a few more days to check into this before making a positive recommendation as to just how we should approach Dick Bissell in connection with this matter.

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3. I talked with Ed Saunders about the action of his man, [REDACTED] involving a "slush" fund in the WH Division several years ago and agreed to meet with him and [REDACTED] to discuss the matter further. I also emphasized to Ed that I thought he had an obligation to insure that those Finance Officers who had not received adequate formal training and indoctrination should be removed from the Area Divisions and given such training at the earliest possible time.

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4. [REDACTED] who was on military detail with us in [REDACTED] for three or four years, telephoned me at home. He said that he had been to see the Career Management people at the Pentagon in order to review his Fitness Reports and had found that those given him while he was on duty with the Agency were substantially lower than any others he had received during his career. He went on to say that he felt that this was hurting his career and, specifically, that it was hurting his chances of being sent to the General Command and Staff School at this time. He also said that it had been his understanding that he had turned in a good performance while he was with the Agency, <sup>that</sup> no one had advised him to the contrary, and he felt that the fact that the Agency went to some lengths to get him extended for an additional year must have indicated that he was doing a good job. He didn't seem terribly bitter but felt that the civilians who made out his reports either didn't understand the procedures or didn't realize how important they were to his career. He also stated that the Career Management people had told him that it was not uncommon for an officer's career to be hurt by reason of the fact that he had served with CIA. I told him that I would look into this matter without delay and write him sometime within the next few days. (On Tuesday morning I briefed [REDACTED] on this matter, asked him to go to the Pentagon and ascertain the facts in this case, and then make appropriate recommendations to me.)

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